

RICH FIANCE 'DIES'; WEDDING PLANS OFF

Brooklyn Girl Is Prostrated
When Told by Phone of
"Doctor's" Death.

PROBE BARES MYSTERY

Pastor Aids Investigation of
"Dr. Hoffman, Jr." Who Was
to Wed Miss Loderhose.

Miss Sophie Loderhose of 1447 Dean street, Brooklyn, is prostrated and under the care of a physician as the result of a mysterious telephone message received by her October 29, purporting to announce the death of the man to whom she was engaged to be married Tuesday, and a subsequent chain of circumstances leading her brother-in-law, W. P. Phillips of 517 Putnam avenue, Brooklyn, and friends of the stricken girl to believe that her fiancé was a masquerader who has made her the victim of a hoax and is not dead at all.

The man Miss Loderhose expected to wed was known to her as "Dr. A. William Hoffman, Jr., an officer in the United States Navy, a physician of note, a person of wealth with homes in Millbrook, N. Y., and Pasadena, Cal." Newspaper men were not permitted to see Miss Loderhose yesterday because of her illness, but Mr. Phillips said that the death message had informed Miss Loderhose that Dr. Hoffman had been killed in an automobile accident at French Lick Springs, Ind., and that Miss Loderhose was under the impression that the person talking was Dr. A. William Hoffman, Jr., father of her fiancé.

Miss Loderhose's parents are dead and she lives with her sister, Emily, at the Dean street address. Mr. Phillips, as Miss Loderhose's nearest male relative and at her request, inserted notices of Dr. Hoffman's death in Brooklyn newspapers.

Pastor Refuses Prayers.

It was not, however, until the Rev. Dr. John Holthusen, pastor of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Brooklyn, who had been engaged by Miss Loderhose to officiate at the forthcoming wedding, declined her request for special prayer services for the supposedly dead man that the possibilities of the situation dawned upon the young woman.

Dr. Holthusen said he refused to officiate at the services because he was convinced there was no Dr. Hoffman who was the fiancé of Miss Loderhose, and that the unidentified person he believed to be masquerading as Dr. Hoffman was not dead.

The suspicions of Mr. Phillips and Dr. Holthusen that Miss Loderhose has been victimized follow the disruption of plans for the most elaborate wedding ever held in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Numerous invitations to the wedding had been sent out. The bridemaids and other attendants had been selected. Plans were complete for flowers and shrubbery for the decoration of the church. Arrangements had been made to have the centre aisle of the building extended from the entrance to the altar by cutting through a tier of pews which now blocks the aisle in front of the pulpit about the middle of the auditorium.

Pastor Makes Investigation.

Dr. Holthusen told a SUN reporter that he first became sceptical of the identity of Miss Loderhose's suitor last summer while on a visit to the White Mountains. There, he said, he met a man from Millbrook and, recalling his engagement to officiate at the wedding of Dr. Hoffman of that place, inquired concerning the doctor.

"Dr. Hoffman? Why, I never heard of such a man in Millbrook," Dr. Holthusen said the man told him. Then, when the announcement of death came, Dr. Holthusen said persons he did not know called upon him, and others by telephone stated they were making investigations. Dr. Holthusen then started investigations of his own, which he said disclosed that no Dr. Hoffman, Jr. or Sr., is known in Millbrook or Pasadena, that no such persons are known in the neighborhood of 379 Clinton street, Brooklyn, where Dr. Hoffman is said to have told Miss Loderhose he once lived, and that there was no automobile accident at French Lick Springs upon the date of Dr. Hoffman's reported death, of that he was able to find any one there who ever had heard of Dr. Hoffman. Upon these premises he reached his conclusion that there was no dead man for whom to hold services.

Mr. Phillips, who was in consultation with a lawyer regarding the case yesterday, said his belief that the person to whom his sister-in-law was engaged

is living is strengthened by a telephone message from an unidentified person after the death announcement stating that "everything would be straightened out in time" by a note left at the door of the Loderhose home last Friday warning Miss Loderhose to let the matter drop, and by more than 200 telegrams of condolence which Miss Loderhose has received, purporting to be signed by Vincent Astor, William Howard Taft and other persons of prominence.

Promised Organ for Church.

Mr. Phillips stated that Miss Loderhose was constantly the recipient of gifts of flowers, candy and jewelry and of letters and telephone calls from the man.

Dr. Hoffman recently had spent his time in Pasadena supervising the construction of the future home of himself and bride, Miss Loderhose, according to Mr. Phillips. Mr. Phillips said he had never seen the man and that Miss Emily Loderhose had seen him only three times when he called upon her sister at her home. On at least one of these occasions he is said to have worn the uniform of a naval officer.

Among other things which led him and other members of Miss Loderhose's family to believe her intended fiancé was a man of great wealth was the promise of a gift of a \$50,000 organ to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church of which Miss Loderhose was a member. Included in his gifts to Miss Loderhose was a large diamond engagement ring.

It was stated yesterday that though Dr. Hoffman had stated he once lived in Brooklyn he was not known to the Kings County Medical Society and that there is no such man in the national medical directory.

A Dr. Cochrane of Baltimore, whom Miss Loderhose had expected to be an usher at the wedding, was reported in the mysterious telephone message to have been motoring with Dr. Hoffman at the time of the supposed accident and also was killed. Dr. Cochrane has not been identified.

Mr. Phillips said he understands his sister-in-law first met the supposed Hoffman through a woman who said she was Dr. Hoffman's sister. Miss Loderhose met the supposed sister last year at a party in Flatbush, he said, and the sister subsequently introduced Miss Loderhose to her brother, Dr. Hoffman. Their acquaintance grew into courtship and when they finally decided to get married Dr. Hoffman, his sister and his father called upon Mr. Phillips's wife. At that time Dr. Hoffman is said to have worn the uniform of a Lieutenant in the navy. Efforts to locate the sister and father of Hoffman have been unsuccessful.

YALE NEEDS FUNDS DESPITE BEQUEST

Secretary Explains Terms of
Sterling Legacy.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

NEW HAVEN, Nov. 8.—Secretary Stokes of Yale University issued a statement yesterday through which he seeks to correct the impression which many Yale alumni have gained to the effect that the bequest of \$18,000,000 to Yale by the will of the late John W. Sterling of New York has placed the university at the head of endowed educational institutions and has relieved Yale men of the necessity of contributing to the support of the university.

He explains the Sterling bequest is not one to general endowment, as it provides only for future expansion through new buildings and does not provide for the running expenses of the existing institution. The bequest specified that the money shall be used for the erection of memorial buildings and, to some extent, for the foundation of scholarships, fellowships, the endowment of new professorships and the establishment of special funds for prizes. The site of the new buildings must be provided by the university at its own expense and large additional funds will be needed. About \$250,000 now needed for salary increases cannot be met with funds from the Sterling bequest.

Secretary Stokes explained that the university depends largely upon the aid of its graduates and that a concerted move to increase the endowment fund is in contemplation.

BRITISH BAN SILVER EXPORTS.

Dealers Here Attribute Embargo to Several Causes.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—Export of silver bullion specie has been prohibited.

Local dealers in silver to-day attributed the British embargo to several causes. Silver bullion, it was stated, is very scarce in England, domestic consumption having increased greatly in the last few months.

Another reason advanced by metal dealers here is that the present high price of silver in England might tempt holders to melt coin into bullion for export. Such an operation, it was said, would be profitable with the high price of the metal prevailing in London.

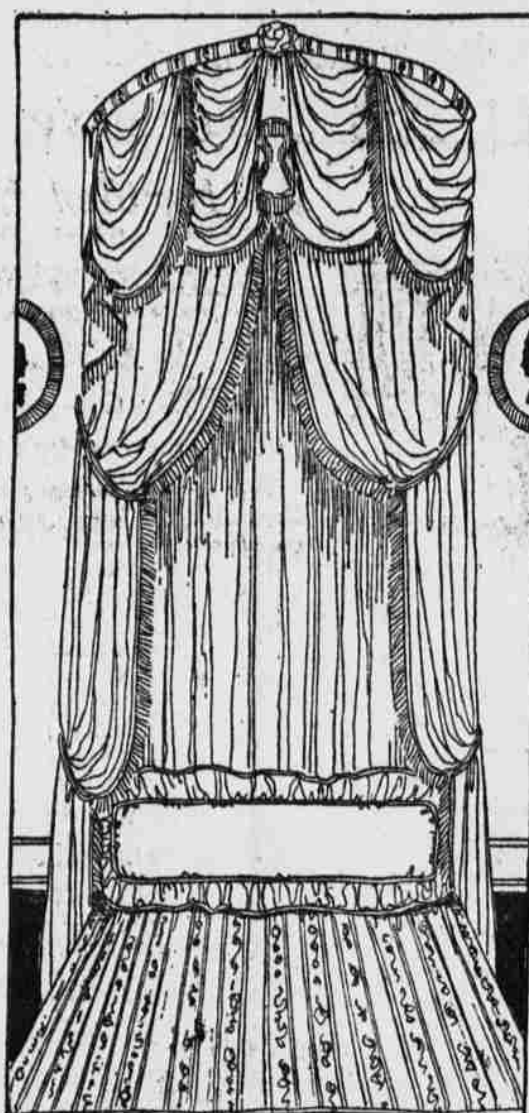
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